Bidding of IBP Equity

2387. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sengupta Committee had recommended preferential allotment of 33 per cent equity of IBP to BPCL;

(b) whether this recommendation was accepted by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas;

(c) whether the same was overruled and direct bidding of IBP equity, has been now restricted to Reliance and MRPL;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) if not, whether the bidding will be kept open to national oil companies, IOC, BPC and HPC; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (f) The examination of Dr. Nitish Sengupta Commitee's recommendations on the restructuring of Petroleum Sector, is on.

Resitement of Petrol Pump

2388. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government vide its policy letter No. P19011/15/97-IOC dated 3rd September, 1997 has clearly delegated its powers to the PSUs to take decision itself regarding the resitement of petrol pump in the same trading market or in the same class of market within the respective district;

(b) whether Government have again changed the above policy and has called such above cases for PSUs for giving its approval;

(c) by when, Government would clear such cases fit in the above said policy; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the PSUs are to sent only such cases of resitement in which trading area/market and class of market both are being changed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d): Government delegated the powers of resitement of retail outlets/LPG distributorships subject to certain norms to oil marketing companies vide letter dated 3.9.1998.

However, as per the existing policy the deserving cases, which are not strictly covered under the guidelines may be referred by the Oil Companies to the Government for decision. Decision is taken on the merits of each case.

Complaints by HAPDA

2389. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether Haryana Petroleum Dealers Association (HPDA) has made some complaint against field officer of Bharat Petroleum Corporation posted at Panipat area regarding various malpractices and dictatorial attitude;

(b) whether the matter has been investigated and the name of authority—officer conducting independent inquiry has been named;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the formula for increasing dealers Commission due to increase in price hike and number of time it was applied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) received a complaint from the Haryana Petroleum Dealers Association alleging various malpractices and dictatorial attiude against the Field Officers of BPCL in Panipat area. The complaint was investigated by the Chief Distribution Manager (North) of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) the formula for revising the Dealers' Commission to neutralise the effect of price hike in prices of MS/HSD is as under:

$$Cr = Co + \frac{Pr - Po \; XF}{100}$$

Where pr and Po are the revised and original product prices; Cr and Co are the revised and original dealers commission, and F the per KL factor to be applied for commission on MS/HSD in the various slab. The revision in